

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An imaging apparatus for taking and recording an image, characterized by comprising:
 - an imager which takes an image;
 - a communicator which transmits/receives a signal to/from at least one external imaging apparatus;
 - displayer which displays an image;
 - a display controller which is operable to display image-compositor which makes the displayer concurrently present, in a composite manner, the image taken by the imager[,]]
 - and at least one received image respectively taken by and transmitted from each of at least a part of the at least one external imaging apparatus and received by the communicator;
 - an image recognizer which recognizes an image in which an object having set characteristics is present within the image taken by the imaging apparatus and the at least one received image; and
 - a recording controller operable to control the recording of one or more selected images according to a result of an image recognition executed by the image recognizer on the image taken by the imager and the at least one received image

~~image selector which selects a desired image among the image taken by the imager and the at least one received image; and~~
~~recorder which records, in a recording medium, a signal of the image selected by the image selector.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, ~~eharacterized in that~~ wherein a signal of the image taken by the imaging apparatus is transmittable to at least a part of the at least one external imaging apparatus by using the communicator.

3. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, ~~eharacterized in that~~ wherein the transmission/reception of the signal by the communicator is made by wireless communication.

4. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, ~~eharacterized in that~~ wherein the image compositor composites the images such that the image selected by the image selector is presented in a size larger than the other image or images not selected.

5. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, ~~eharacterized by further comprising~~ an audio inputter which receives an audio input through a single channel, and wherein the recorder records in the recording medium a signal of the audio input sent from the audio inputter, ~~as well as~~ and the signal of the image selected by the image selector.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 6, characterized ~~in that claim 1, wherein~~ where a plurality of images are recognized and notified by the image recognizer, the image selector selects an image which is predetermined to be of a highest priority, among the images notified by the image recognizer.

8. (Currently Amended) The imaging apparatus according to claim 7, characterized ~~in that wherein~~ where no image is recognized by the image recognizer, the image selector selects an image among the image taken by the imaging apparatus and the at least one received image, based on at least one of a predetermined priority ranking and an image last selected.

9. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus for recording an inputted image, characterized by comprising:

an image receiver which receives a signal of each of a plurality of images including at least one image respectively taken by and transmitted from at least one external imaging apparatus;

a display controller operable to display composite image-generator which generates a composite image where the inputted image and the at least one image received by the image receiver are concurrently presented on the displayer in a composite manner;

an image recognizer which recognizes an image in which an object having set characteristics is present within the inputted image and the at least one received image; and

a recording controller operable to control the recording of one or more selected images according to a result of an image recognition executed by the image recognizer on the inputted image and the at least one received image;

image-selector which selects a desired image among the inputted image and the at least one received image; and

recorder which records a signal of the image selected by the image-selector.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for recording images respectively taken by a plurality of imaging apparatuses, ~~characterized in that~~ each of the imaging apparatuses is capable of:

transmitting a signal of an image taken by the each imaging apparatus to at least one of the other imaging apparatus, and receiving at least one signal of ~~a respective an~~ image or images respectively taken by ~~at least a part of~~ the other imaging apparatuses;

displaying ~~compositing~~ the image taken by the each imaging apparatus, and the at least one image ~~respectively-received from the at least a part of the other imaging apparatuses, to~~ concurrently present the image taken by the each imaging apparatus and the at least one received image on a screen;

recognizing an image in which an object having set characteristics is present within the image taken by the each imaging apparatus and the at least one received image; and

controlling the recording of one or more selected images according to a result of the image recognizing step on the image taken by the each imaging apparatus and the at least one received image

~~selecting a desired image from the image taken by the each imaging apparatus and
the at least one image taken by each of the at least a part of the other imaging apparatuses, and
recording the signal of the selected image.~~

11. (New) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the characteristics as set comprises color information.

12. (New) The imaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the characteristics as set comprises information for detecting a face of a person.